

## Maine's Safety Belt Law

-  Maine law requires ALL vehicle occupants at least 8 years of age to be secured in a federally-approved safety seat belt.
-  A child who is less than 12 years of age **AND** weighs less than 100 pounds must be secured in the back seat, if possible.
-  Vehicle for hire drivers are not responsible for securing the safety seat belt of their passengers.
-  Persons between the ages of 8 and 18, **AND** more than 4 feet 7 inches in height must be properly secured in a safety seat belt.
-  The following are exempt from wearing a safety seat belt:
  - Persons with a medical condition, certified in writing by a physician.
  - Rural postal carriers in the process of delivering mail.

The penalty for violation of this law is \$60.00 plus court costs.

### Questions about Occupant Protection?

[Department of Human Services](#) 1-800-698-3624

TDD/TTY 207-287-8015

[Department of Public Safety](#) 207-624-8756

Questions about child restraint recalls?

Auto Safety Hotline: 1-800-424-9393

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